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Subject: RE: exposure frequency

Hi all,

I'd like to clarify a few points. ATSDR licenses with Claritas, Inc (a marketing research firm) for estimates of current-year demographic data at various geographic levels including block groups. For some of the demographic variables (e.g., total population, race, income, housing value), Claritas updates the data with information from a number of data sources as described in David's attachment. Other demographic variables, including length of residence (as measured by the count of households whose householder moved in either 0 to 5, 6 to 10, or 11 plus years ago), are "smoothed" variables where the 1990 census data are ratio-adjusted to relevant current year totals. Although limitations exist in using these data, they provide additional information to characterize community areas. I would be happy to answer any questions about these data and their use.

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From: Mellard, David
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Subject: RE: exposure frequency

> what is the source of your information on exposure frequency (length of
time at
> one residence) of people in VB/I70 study area that you state in your
comment #14
> on our HHRA?

Hi Bonnie,

The information was put together by a contractor ATSDR hired (Claritas) and was overseen by one of our epidemiologists in ATSDR's GIS group (Dr. Janet Heitgard). I'm attaching the description that Janet wrote about the methods and data sources that Claritas used. If you have further questions please include Janet since she can provide more accurate answers than I can.

David